

Board Committee Report

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The Legislative Committee meeting convened on January 18 at 3:21 PM. Committee members present were Chair Jim Cole, Brandon Beach, Johnny Floyd, Bobby Parham, Jeff Lewis and Jay Shaw. Other Board members in attendance were Rudy Bowen, Robert Brown, Emory McClinton, Emily Dunn, Don Grantham and Dana Lemon.

First Order of Business:

Stephanie Carter discussed the 2011 legislative agenda. She requested the Committee add the prior year motor fuel legislation and the removing of the 30 percent cap that is currently on design build to the legislative agenda. Stephanie also requested approval to research all metal theft bills on behalf of the Committee.

Second Order of Business:

Dan Gentry gave an update on the federal legislation. He informed the Committee that the current Highway Trust Fund extension runs out in late March. The expectation is that the funding authorization will be extended.

Third Order of Business:

Dave Carmichael, facilities manager, gave an update on the state of the Georgia Aviation Authority (GAA). In 2009, Senate Bill 85 consolidated Georgia State Patrol, DNR, Forestry and Georgia DOT aviation into state patrol flight operations. In 2011, House Bill 414 allowed the Georgia State Patrol to transfer their assets back to Public Safety Commission, which was about half the assets in GAA. The governor's fiscal year 2013 budget proposes DNR and Forestry be returned back to their respective departments and sell the Department's aircrafts.

The Committee discussed steps that could be taken to follow up on the matter which may include discussions with the governor or the appointment of a special committee to gather further information.

Fourth Order of Business:

Joanne Diorio, ACS vice president, gave a presentation on work zone cameras. She shared statistics from data collected during a pilot program ACS conducted with the Department during 2010 and 2011. The information collected show that over 75 percent of drivers speed through work and school zones.

Fifth Order of Business:

The Committee had a discussion regarding the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act.

Committee Actions:

A motion was made by Johnny Floyd and seconded by Jay Shaw to add the prior year motor fuel legislation and removing the cap on design build to the legislative agenda.

A motion was made by Brandon Beach and seconded by Jay Shaw to allow the senior policy advisor to research all metal theft bills on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM. This concludes my report.